

THE NAVAL HISTORY OF HAWAII

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USS Hawaii (SSN 776)

The Virginia-class fast attack submarine USS Hawaii (SSN 776) was named after the 50th state to join the Union. With a crew of 132 Sailors, Hawaii can attack targets ashore with highly accurate Tomahawk cruise missiles and conduct covert long-term surveillance. Other missions include antisubmarine and anti-ship warfare, special forces delivery and support, and mine delivery and minefield mapping.

At least 32 ships have been named after the state of Hawaii, its cities, places, and people. They include:

USS Aloha (SP 317), 1917

USS Chung-Hoon (DDG 93), 2004

USS Daniel Inouye (DDG 118), not yet commissioned USS Diamond Head (AE 19), 1945

USS Frank E. Evans (DD 754), 1945

USS Halawa (AOG 12), 1942 USS Haleakala (AE 25), 1959

USS Hauoli (SP 249), 1917

USS Hawaii (CB 3), never commissioned

USS Hawaii (SSN 776), 2007

USS Hawaiian (Cargo Vessel), 1918

USS Hilo (PG 58), 1942

USS Honolulu I (ID 1843), 1918

USS Honolulu II (CL 48), 1938

USS Honolulu III (SSN 718), 1985

USS Kailua (IX 71), 1943

USS Kaloli (AOG 13), 1942

USS Kamehameha (SSBN 642), 1965

USS Kaula (AG 33), 1941 USS Kilauea I (AE 4), 1941

USNS Kilauea (T-AE 26), 1968

USS Lanikai (Schooner), 1941 USS Maui I (SP 1514), 1918

USS Maui II (ARG 8), 1944

USS Mauna Kea (AE 22), 1957

USS Mauna Loa I (SP 28), 1917 USS Mauna Loa II (AE 8), 1943

USS Oahu I (PR 36), 1928

USS Oahu (ARG 5), 1944 USS Pearl Harbor (LSD 52), 1998

USNS Pililaau (T-AKR 304), 2001

USNS Yano (T-AKR 297), 1997

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Gordon Pai'ea Chung-Hoon Rear Admiral

A native of Honolulu, HI, Gordon Pai'ea Chung-Hoon graduated from the Naval Academy in May 1934. He was awarded the Navy Cross and Silver Star while serving as commanding officer of USS Sigsbee (DD 502). During World War II, off the coast of Okinawa, a kamikaze plane crashed into Sigsbee and killed 23 U.S. Navy Sailors. Despite the damage, Chung-Hoon fought off the enemy and directed damage control efforts that allowed Sigsbee to make port under her own power. USS Chung-Hoon (DDG 93) was named in his honor.



Robert Kihune Vice Admiral

Robert Kihune, a native of Hawaii, commanded a guided missile destroyer that conducted nightly strikes against North Vietnam while successfully dodging hundreds of rounds of enemy fire without sustaining damage. He was awarded a Legion of Merit with a combat "V" for gallantry. The first Hawaiian to achieve the rank of vice admiral, Kihune retired in 1994 after 35 years of distinguished service.



Daniel Inouye United States Senator

A native of Honolulu, HI, Daniel Inouye voluntarily enlisted in the Army during World War II. While serving in Italy, he led his platoon to safety through enemy fire, but suffered wounds that led to the amputation of his right arm. In 2000, he was belatedly awarded the Medal of Honor for his actions. Inouye went on to serve a 50-year career in the U.S. Senate representing his home state of Hawaii. The future guided missile destroyer USS Daniel Inouye (DDG 118) is named in his honor.





USS Arizona Memoria

World War II Memorials

- USS Arizona Memorial
- Battleship Missouri Memorial - USS Utah Memorial
- USS Nevada Memorial
- USS Bowfin Submarine Museum and Park
- Parche Submarine Memorial

Did You Know...?

The use of the Union Jack in the Hawaii state flag is symbolic of the friendship between Britain and the Hawaiian Kingdom.



Joint Base Pearl Harbor-Hickam Oahu, HI



Pacific Missile Range Barking Sands Kauai, HI

By the Numbers:





Acres of Land & Water (Oahu-Kauai)



Ships & Subs